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1. SUMMARY. THE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PORTUGUESE  
REVOLUTION WILL BE CELEBRATED AS THE "DAY OF LIBERTY" APRIL 25.  
OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT EVENTS WILL DOMINATE THE CELEBRATIONS.  
MILITARY ACTIVITIES ARE PLANNED IN SUPPORT OF THE OFFICIAL  
PROGRAM. THE COMMUNISTS ARE FOCUSING MORE ON MAY 1 AND  
APPARENTLY ARE NOT OUT TO COMPETE WITH THE OFFICIAL APRIL 25  
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FESTIVITIES. RECENT EVENTS IN THE AZORES, THE EXTREME LEFT,  
AND A MORE AGGRESSIVE AND DISSATISFIED RIGHT, HOWEVER, COULD  
SPARK SOME LOCALIZED INCIDENTS. END SUMMARY.

2. APRIL 25--DAY OF LIBERTY: A MILITARY PARADE AT  
BELEM AND A SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
SESSION WILL BE THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S

COMMEMORATION OF THE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OVERTHROW OF THE SALAZAR/CAETANO DICTATORSHIP. PRESIDENT EANES WILL PRESIDE OVER THE MILITARY PARADE AND ADDRESS THE ASSEMBLY SESSION. IN ADDITION, THE GOP HAS ORGANIZED SOME 750 SPORTING EVENTS, BAND CONCERTS, DANCES, MUSEUM VISITS, ETC., IN ABOUT 300 LOCALITIES FOR THE APRIL 22-25 PERIOD. MILITARY PARADES AND OTHER FORMAL CEREMONIES IN EACH OF THE FIVE MILITARY REGIONS WILL COMPLEMENT THE MAIN EVENT IN LISBON. WHILE PRIVATE CELEBRATIONS BY SOME MILITARY GROUPS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REVOLUTION CAN BE EXPECTED, THERE ARE NO OFFICIAL OR PUBLIC "CAPTAINS OF APRIL" EVENTS PLANNED.

3. ACTIVITIES ON THE LEFT: THE COMMUNISTS HAVE CRANKED UP THE PARTY MACHINE FOR A VARIETY OF LOCAL FESTIVE AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES. THE PCP HAS CALLED ON ALL PORTUGUESE TO COMMEMORATE APRIL 25 THROUGH THEIR PARTICIPATION IN OFFICIAL AND OTHER CELEBRATIONS AND HAS NOT PLANNED PARTY OBSERVANCES WHICH WOULD COMPETE WITH GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED EVENTS. PARTY ACTIVITIES FOR THE 25TH MAY BE SIMPLY A WARMUP FOR MAY 1 ACTIVITIES. ON THE OTHER HAND, FORMER SOCIALIST PARTY MEMBER LOPES CARDOSO'S UNION OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST LEFT (UEDS) HAS RESERVED A MAJOR LISBON PARK FOR A DAY OF CULTURAL ACTIVITIES AND SPEECH-MAKING. ACCORDING TO SOME REPORTS, LUIS MOIRA -- INDEPENDENT LEFTIST OF 1975 FAME -- IS PLANNING A SIMILAR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CELEBRATION ELSEWHERE IN LISBON.

4. GRUMBLINGS ON THE RIGHT: ELEMENTS OF THE RIGHT AND FAR RIGHT -- WHO HELD THEIR PEACE DURING PAST CELEBRATIONS -- ARE GRUMBLING OPENLY IN 1978. THEIR CRITICISMS ARE DIRECTED AT THE PCP, AND TO A LESSER EXTENT, THE PS/CDS GOVERNMENT. IN AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED APRIL 21, GENERAL GALVAO DE MELO CHARACTERIZED THE RESULTS OF FOUR YEARS OF POST REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT AS "STRONGLY NEGATIVE."

5. COMMENT: THE EXTENSIVE GOVERNMENT-ORGANIZED OBSERVANCES SHOULD DOMINATE THE APRIL 25 CELEBRATIONS. HOWEVER, THE ALMEIDA SANTOS INCIDENT IN THE AZORES AND THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF 150 POLICE TROOPS IN PONTA DELGADA MAY GIVE SEPARATISTS OPPORTUNITIES TO CALL ATTENTION TO THEIR CAUSE BY EXPLOITING THE 25TH. BOTH THE LEFT AND RIGHT ARE CAPABLE OF PURSUING CONFRONTATIONAL TACTICS AND FOUR YEARS OF POST-REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT HAVE GIVEN THE POLITICAL EXTREMES FUEL ENOUGH FOR MISCHIEF-MAKING. BUT WITH THE GOP OUT FRONT WITH NATIONAL CELEBRATIONS, THE MILITARY IN THE BARRACKS, AND THE PCP

FOCUSING MORE ON MAY 1, APRIL 25 LOOKS  
MORE LIKE A DAY OF COMMEMORATION THAN CONFRONTATION.  
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